

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Gain the Whole World

AM Sermon: Tom Betti

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Deb Betti, the Morigeau family, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Emily Hatley, Bill and Peggy.

Traveling/Working: Beverly, Steve and Abby traveling beginning tomorrow.

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture: *"³⁶ For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? ³⁷ Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"* Mark 8:36-37 (KJV 1900)

Wisdom for Today: *"¹⁹ And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity"* Eccl 2:19

PM Sermon: Eddie Maxwell

Attendance Last Sunday - 75

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Church of Christ AT WASILLA

God's Plan of Salvation

HearRomans 10:17
BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Remain Faithful.....Matt 24:13; Rev 2:10; James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

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“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us

Gain the Whole World

Bill Beebe

Jesus once asked what would it would benefit a person to gain the whole world but lose his soul in the process. Mark records this in Mark 8:36–37 (KJV 1900) “³⁶ For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? ³⁷ Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”. We all have read this question, probably many times, and we have brought it up it discussions. But do we really understand the gravity of what Jesus is asking. This stems mainly from not knowing what “gaining the whole world” really means.

Can a person really gain the whole world? Probably not, but what Jesus was teaching was even if you had more funds than you could ever use in your lifetime, what good would this be when you die? When you die, all your money, all your gold or silver does you no good. That will go to someone else who will use it for their own purposes without regard to what you had in mind. This is what Solomon talked about when he wrote “² Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. ³ What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?” Ecclesiastes 1:2–3 (KJV 1900). What advantage is it to you to work all your life and amass millions of dollars and then die. Jesus also addressed this in a few of his parables. His parable about the rich farmer and his barns, teaches this well. “¹⁶ And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? ¹⁸ And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. ²⁰ But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night

go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? ²¹ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:16–21 (KJV 1900)

Since both Solomon and Jesus deal with this idea in their teachings it is something that we should consider. What can you do with the things you own when you die? Solomon discussed this as well; “¹⁷ Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit. ¹⁸ Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. ¹⁹ And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.”

Ecclesiastes 2:17–19 (KJV 1900) Solomon’s point in this passage is that whatever we accomplish on earth will be left to someone else when we die, we cannot take anything with us.

However, there is something so valuable that the riches of the whole world cannot buy. Jesus referred to this in Mark 8:36-37 when He asked “Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” The answer, of course is there is no amount of wealth in the entire world worth more than your soul. Have you been pursuing wealth, only to recognize that it is really worthless when compared to your soul? Now is the time to stop, think and begin acting to save your soul.

Schedule of Events